

**AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 14, 2015**

1. **Call to Order:** Regular meeting by Chair, Jim Hartig at 7:00 p.m., PG&E Community Center.  
**Attendance: Present:** Ken San Filippo, Mary Matakovich, Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Mike Grantham, Bob Pusanik, Saul Goldberg, Karla Bittner, Kirt Collins, Steve Fiant, Liz Guho-Johnson, Julia Hartzell, Jan Taylor, Anne Brown, Denise Allen **Excused:** Lynn Walter, Ken Thompson, Mary El Hansen **Quorum established.**
2. **Approve August 10, 2015 Minutes. Motion to Approve/ Second/Unanimous Approval.**
3. **Chair's Comments:** Jim Hartig: Vincent Shea sent thank you to AVAC for supporting no-smoking policy on Avila beaches.
4. **Public Comment:** a) Brad Hagman, new Avila Community Services District Manager asked for applications for vacancy on the CSD Board. Applicants must live in Avila CSD boundary.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Kirt Collins: Expense: \$50 PO Box rental. Reported checking account balance of \$1,311.72.
6. **County Reports:**
  - a) **Sheriff:** Commander Taylor. **i)** 8/11-9/14 there were 109 calls for service. Several scams reported through Craig's List. No burglaries. One vandalism smashing car windows with \$5,000 damage to cars. Suspect apprehended. **ii)** Working to vacate homeless camps in SLO Creek. **iii)** Personnel medical leaves are creating more overtime.
  - b) **Highway Patrol:** Sgt. Wilson **i)** Stats: none reported due to new system. **ii)** HP is aware of parking issues in AB.
  - c) **CAL Fire:** Chief Lee: **i)** 57 Calls for service. **ii)** They are extremely busy. Cuesta fire was challenging due to terrain and weather conditions. **iii)** Check homes for rain damage potential as water can cause electrical shortages and fires. **iv)** Working with CHP regarding parking by fire hydrants. **v)** New aircraft includes large helicopter that draws water from ocean: Saves time and water.
  - d) **Planning:** Ryan Hostetter: **i) Oct 13, a.m. session, Board of Supervisors will establish Planning Priorities. IMPORTANT for Avila Residents to be there to request General Plan Update.** **ii)** Hearing for Colony Lot 1 (proposed Creekside lot) on Sept. 18. This project is on First & San Juan Streets and AB Drive: 5,000 sq. ft. house, 1,600 sq. ft. decks, 1,300 sq. ft. garage. AVAC concerns are side set-back, height and parking (for vacation rental). **ii)** Lot next to Avila Grocery is being evaluated for project.
  - e) **Public Works:** Jeremy Ghent: **i)** There is push to complete Avila Circulation Plan. Oct. 2 is meeting with AVAC Land Use Committee. **ii)** Cal Trans is scheduled to attend AVAC's Nov 9 meeting to Freeway 101 and Avila Beach interchange projects. **iii)** AB parking lot (managed by the Port) and low spots on First St. are being evaluated by Cannon Associates for flooding issues.
  - f) **County Parks:** Shaun Cooper (not in attendance—submitted report) **i)** BJ Trail Safety Issue: Root intrusion near Woodstone Market; bids received. Purchase requisition to hire contractor must go through approval process. May be completed by mid-November. **ii)** Trail access from Market parking lot will be repaired by Avila Village Properties.

iii) Another pedestrian safety issue is sidewalk from the SLBE pedestrian gate to Woodstone Market. This will be addressed with trail access repairs.

g) **Supervisor Adam Hill:** i) Bd. of Supervisors is pleased to work with PG&E regarding potential of contract for water available from their desalinization plant. There are grant funding possibilities through the State of CA. The drought emergency situation makes this more likely. Partnering with PG&E will help future supplies.

ii) Planning Update: **October 13 a.m. Board will set Planning priorities.** They are obligated to fund certain mandates, but there are discretionary funds which could be delegated to an Area Plan Update of the General Plan for Avila. AVAC and community members should attend to ask the Board to make this a priority.

iii) Hill is meeting with Home Fed reps regarding the future of Cherry Canyon later this month.

iv) Letitia Ag Cluster project will be considered in October.

v) Phillips 66 Project hearings scheduled in Jan/Feb 2016.

## 7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

a) **King Project, Ontario Rd.: Julia Hartzell:** DRC2014-00111 Conditional Use Permit: Development of 8 acre lot (Tree Cubes Resort) of 44 (movable) lodge units with store/café, laundry facility, pools, and bike cubes. Extensive AVAC review began in Nov. 2014. Project has evolved. Currently there are many issues, including extensive grading, water sources and waste treatment that are overwhelming. AVAC continues to review and recommendation will be this fall.

b) **City to the Sea ½ Marathon: Brian Locher:** Event to be held October 11, 7:00 a.m. Route has been modified from previous event to accommodate local traffic. Bulk of racers will pass Avila stop points between 8:00-9:00 a.m. Visit [www.citytothesea.org](http://www.citytothesea.org) for details. SLO to Pismo Beach. This is the 19<sup>th</sup> annual event. Two thousand participants are registered.

## 8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **Arts Obispo: Angela Tahti:** First Open Arts Studio in SLO is October 10/11. [www.artsobispo.org](http://www.artsobispo.org) for further details. The AB Foundation has grants of \$20,000 to add public art in town. A committee of locals and artists will select from proposals from local artists.

b. **PG&E Tom Jones, Strategic Initiatives:** License Renewal, Desal & Dry Cask Storage: The Desal Water plant at PG&E DCPD has been in operation for 30 years. The reverse osmosis process provides 450 gallons/minute and meets all plant needs. There is a surplus production of about 50%. The State of CA permit allows production capacity of 1.5M gallons/day. Cal Fire is under a 5 year contract (through Office of Emergency Services) for fire suppressant water as needed. Board of Supervisors is negotiating to have the surplus transferred to the Lopez water supply to supplement County water needs. PG&E would install a pipeline 7 miles from the plant to the Diablo gate at Port San Luis. The construction would take 35 days. This work would coincide with repaving of that access route. This is considered a “golden spike moment” where all parties win.

## 9. **COMMUNITY LIAISONS:**

a. **Avila Beach Civic Assn.:** Apple Festival is Sunday, Sept. 20 on the Promenade. Free!

- b. **AB Foundation:** Rick Cohen: **i)** Applications for community grants are being accepted and are due in September. **ii)** A new i-phone app called Avila Beach Historic Tour is available in the I-tunes store. It is also available for Tablets.
- c. **Port San Luis:** Steve McGrath: **i)** Port has very busy weekend traffic. Harbor Terrace discussion will be on the Port Agenda Sept. 22. Red Tail Acquisitions is being re-engaged after the withdrawal of Home Fed. **ii)** Avila Pier engineers report is being completed. The facilities report is being completed and phasing and funding is the next job. **iii)** Steve McGrath has served our community well as Port Manager. Our well wishes are extended to him in his new endeavors.
- d. **PGE&/Diablo Canyon:** John Shoals: **i)** Unit 1 at DCPD is operating at 100%. Unit 2 is at 50% as cleaning of the intake tunnels are done. Beginning October 4, there will be an Outage for 33 days. **ii)** Coastal Clean-up September 19 at Olde Port Beach.

#### 10. **AVAC COMMITTEES:**

- i) **Land Use:** Sherri Danoff: **i)** Public Works will meet October 2 with committee on Circulation Update. Assisted project reviews for the Avila Beach Committee.
  - ii) **Diablo:** Ken Thompson: No report
  - iii) **Port:** Mary Matakovich: Commissioners will be seeking replacement for Steve McGrath.
  - iv) **Avila Beach:** Ken San Filippo: There are 4 projects the AB committee reviewed:
    - 1) Front Street (3<sup>rd</sup> Revision) AB APN: 076-218-013
    - 2) 230 Second St.: Proposed MUP Vacation Rentals
    - 3) 2935 Avila Beach Drive, Colony Lot 5, APN #076-196-010; a 3,033 sq. ft. premise to be used as a vacation rental.
    - 4) 217 1<sup>st</sup> St. & 95 San Antonio St. (7 unit development) presentation by developers.
- MOTION:** Recommend AVAC support AB Residential Committee comments to the County Planning Department. Second/Unanimous approval.

Sherri Danoff recommends re-submitting concerns regarding **Colony Lot 1** to Planning. Although this is a discretionary project which AVAC submitted earlier detailed impacts to the surrounding community, it is not felt that Planning considered any of our concerns regarding project approvals. Our concerns involve the side setback (should be 25'); height recommended to 25' from 30'; and parking of vehicles on-site. Five spaces is recommended for this 5,000 sq. ft. vacation rental. **MOTION:** Sherri requests re-submission of our concerns to Planning regarding project approval without a finding for Consistency with the character and orderly development of the immediate neighborhood. Second/Unanimous approval.

- v) **San Luis Bay Estates:** Jim Hartig: **i)** Application revision for Heron Crest home: DRC2014-00112 Hackett. Approved by Heron Crest Board.
  - vi) **Avila Valley:** Julia Hartzell: No report.
  - vii) **See Canyon:** No report.
  - viii) **Squire Canyon:** Kirt Collins: Chumash Marine Sanctuary discussions are taking place. No decisions will be made for another 2-3 years. Port San Luis Commissioners adopted a resolution to Oppose the Sanctuary for the Avila area.
11. Next Meeting: Monday, October 12
12. ADJOURNMENT: 9:15 P.M.                      Respectfully submitted: Karla Bittner, Secretary